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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Kirk et. al.
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FOR : BIOLOGICAL ASSAYS USING GRADIENTS FORMED IN
MICROFLUIDIC SYSTEMS
GROUP ART UNIT : Unassigned
EXAMINER : Unassigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendment.